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NO. 21

FOLLOWING IS THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT PIECE OF PRESS GUIDANCE DEVELOPED DURING YOUR TRIP OF WHICH YOU ARE NOT AWARE. ALL OTHER MAJOR GUIDANCES HAVE BEEN USED IN DAILY BRIEFINGS AND REPORTED TO YOU IN BRIEFING CABLES.

Q: CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT A RECIPROCAL GESTURE BY THE USG FOR THE RELEASE OF AMERICANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS FROM VIET-NAM AUGUST 1?

A: THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS WITHIN THE PAST FEW DAYS APPROVED LICENSES FOR A SIZEABLE AMOUNT OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO VIET-NAM.

Q: IS THIS A RECIPROCAL U.S. GESTURE FOR RELEASE OF THE AMERICANS?

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A: AS THE SECRETARY HAS SAID, "THE U.S. WILL RESPOND TO GESTURES OF GOODWILL. IF THE VIETNAMESE SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CONCERNS AND THOSE OF THEIR NEIGHBORS, THEY WILL FIND US READY TO RECIPROcate." ROBINSON

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